

Acquaintance, John

London 31 Oct 1914

September 13th, 1913.

Professor Squair

568 Dalmerston Ave.,

Toronto

Dear Professor Squair:

I am to leave on Monday night for Cobalt, and expect to be absent until Friday morning. I am afraid that my engagements on Monday are such that I can hardly fit in a time for you on that day, but could we arrange for next Friday, either in the morning or the afternoon? If you will let me know I will reserve an hour that will suit you.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

President.

September 29th, 1913

Professor Squair,
University College.

Dear Professor Squair:

Might it not be well to ask some of the members of the staff who are to lecture on the science side of the World History course their opinion as to this book or J. A. Thompson's, or ask them to offer suggestions as to some others that might serve as a basis for our recommendations? I feel that it might be presumptuous for me to express an opinion on this book, although as far as I can judge it seems to me to be poor.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Memo. for the President.

The group of Professors in French in University College have considered the proposed general course and find ^{as at present} that instead of 8 hours in First year French ^{16 or 18} will be necessary and instead of 6 in Second year French at least 12 will be necessary. In the 3rd and 4th years 2 hours each will be necessary as at present. So that there will be an addition of 16 hours at least, which is equivalent to the work of two men. Hence they request that if the new curriculum comes ~~it~~ into force two additional lecturers be appointed.

J. P. Guair

Nov. 6. 1913

Professor Squair,

November 7th, 1913

University College.

My dear Professor Squair:

I have your note conveying the judgment of the professors in French of University College with regard to the additions of the staff which they believe would be necessary if the new General Course were to come into effect. That the new course should go into effect after the judgment arrived at by the mature deliberations of the Council last spring I can hardly doubt, but at the same time I believe that we must introduce it in such a way as not to make too heavy demands upon our staff. As you may remember it was said last spring at the time that the curriculum was passed that the four hours for the first two years would be the limit for which arrangements should be made in the time-table, which it should be our endeavour to reach as soon as the conditions would permit. It may be that for a year there would be a little more pressure on the staff than usual simply by reason of getting the new system into working order, but I am confident that if it is the judgment of the staff that we are working towards a better standard of education they will endeavour to co-operate to the best of their ability, and of course I will endeavour to secure from the Governors such help as may be found to be necessary after we have seen by practical experience just where the burden will lie and what help is required. I am afraid that for next year it will be difficult to secure additions to the staff, but I will be able to speak with more confidence in the spring. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

December 4th, 1913

Professor Squair,

University College.

Dear Professor Squair:

I feel that my judgment on Whetham's book might be of very little value unless I had time to read it all through, and then it would only be from one point of view. Might it not be well to ask Professor Macallum and Professor Brett, one from the scientific and the other from the philosophic side, what they think of it ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 15th, 1914

Professor Squair,

University College.

Dear Professor Squair:

In view of the fact that the professor of French in St. Michael's was not present at the meeting of the department which settled the question of examination methods I should think that in order to secure uniformity your decisions should for this year hold for the Loretto Abbey students who are registered in St. Michael's, and I would say nothing as to their not being present, but assume that your decisions will hold. However, I would hereafter notify the St. Michael's people and make them responsible for the term work. This should be done I think in a separate letter and no mention need be made of it to the Superior of Loretto Abbey as we deal not with her but with St. Michael's.

Yours sincerely,

President.

University of Toronto.

TORONTO, CANADA.

My Dear President

I regret to have to report that the 3rd year World History Course is not going very well. The numbers attending are falling off. And this fact reacts unfavorably on the staff. Several of the lecturers have expressed dissatisfaction to me. Brett expressed his in writing. I am enclosing his letter.

I am not saying this in order to suggest any change now; we must go through with this year's programme. But we must do something radical if the work is done next year. If we could have better audiences our lecturers would be better pleased. To secure better audiences we should prescribe World History for more classes of students than we do now and we should advertise ourselves more thoroughly to the outside public.

Yours sincerely
J. D. Gair

Friday, Feb. 6.

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February 23rd, 1914

Professor Squair,

University College.

Dear Professor Squair:

It will be necessary for us to make an appointment to the examinership in World History. I understand that Professor Piersol does not wish to undertake the task this year. Can you make any suggestion as to how we might provide for an examiner?

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 10th, 1914

Professor Squair,
University College.

Dear Professor Squair:

Since Dr. McMurrich will not take the
examinership for the third year in World History, we should,
as you suggest, have some other science man. Who do you think
would suit? Probably one of those who take the lectures
would be the best, or possibly Piersol would take that amount
of work.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 13th, 1914

Professor Squair,

University College.

Dear Professor Squair:

I am sending on Mr. Jeanneret's request to
Mr. Anglin, who is Secretary of the Matriculation Board.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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University of Toronto.

TORONTO, CANADA.

May 1, 1914

My Dear President

I enclose a letter from Mr. Carruthers giving the list of slides in his possession and the amount which he would like the University to pay for them in order to acquire them from him. He would like the money on account of the travels he intends to make this summer

Yours sincerely
J. I. Quair

University of Toronto.
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

~~Hereafter~~

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My Dear President Falconer

The Vanderbuisen case is settled. Dr Pritchett will no doubt adhere to his general practice. Shall I ask Professor Mavor to take Vanderbuisen's place? He is competent and can I fancy get Vanderbuisen's slides.

Yours sincerely
J. S. Guair

Walker's lectures did not fit in very well, so his refusal does not upset anything. Have you heard from Brett yet?

J. S.